

SPS 3rd Term WORKSHOP
THE LEGISLATORS OF EUROPE
6-8 April 2009
Room 4, Badia

Conveners: Prof Adrienne Héritier, Prof Peter Mair and Prof Alexander Trechsel
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Themes:

The European Parliament (6 and 7 April)

The Council of Ministers and European Council (7 April)

The Legislative Interaction of the Council and the Parliament under Co-Decision (8 April)

Day One: European Parliament

The first day of the workshop will focus on the European Parliament, its organization in committees, its procedural rules, and the party groups.

- 9.30-10.30 **Gail McElroy**, "European Parliament Institutionalization? MEP Career paths and Legislative Development"
- 10.30-11.00 coffee break
- 11.00-12.00 **Nikoleta Yordanova**, "Plenary 'Changes' of Committee Reports: Legislative Powers of the European Parliament Committees"
- 12.00-14.00 lunch
- 14.00-15.00 **Luciano Bardi**, "The Institutionalisation of Political Party Groups in the EP"
- 15.00-15.30 coffee break
- 15.30-16.30 **Edoardo Bressanelli**, "The content of European elections: evidence from Euro-manifestos"

Day Two: European Parliament and Council of Ministers

The discussion on the European Parliament will continue in the morning on the second day. In the afternoon, the workshop will discuss the organization and working processes in the Council of Ministers, COREPER and the Council workings groups. The agenda setting function of the European Council and the role of the Council Presidency in defining the agenda will also be analyzed.

- 9.30-10.30 **Yordanka Tomkova**, "Towards a Virtual Constituency? Comparative dimensions of MEPs online and offline constituency outreach"
- 10.30-11.00 coffee break
- 11.00-12.00 **Gaye Gungor**, "The Post-reform European Parliament"
- 12.00-13.30 lunch
- 13.30-14.30 **Daniel Naurin**, "Network Capital in the EU Council of Ministers"
- 14.30-15.30 **Mads Christian Dagnis Jensen**, "Why the 'Hard Bargaining' Image of the Council of Ministers Is Not Misleading"
- 15.30-16.00 coffee break
- 16.00-17.00 **Frank Haegel**, "Decision-Making in the Council of the EU: the role of committees and working parties"

Day Three: EP and Council

The last day will focus on the interaction of the Council of Minister and the Parliament in legislation under the co-decision procedure. The workings of the co-decision procedure since its introduction under the Maastricht will be analyzed. In particular, the question will be discussed why - with the legislative empowerment of the Parliament under co-decision – this procedure has been transformed into a procedure of fast-track legislation. Moreover, the conciliation procedure under co-decision will be discussed.

- 9.30-10.30 **Anne Rasmussen**, "The Interinstitutional Division of Power and Time Allocation in the European Parliament", co-authored with Dimiter Toshkov
- 10.30-11.00 coffee break
- 11.00-12.00 **Adrienne Héritier and Christine Reh**, "Informal Politics Under Co-Decision: trilogues and early agreements"
- 12.00-13.00 **Conclusion: Alex Trechsel, Peter Mair , Adrienne Héritier**